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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ADMIRAL MASSERA TO ECUADOR

1. ON JUNE 8 ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA, MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE JUNTA, ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE OFFICIAL DELEGATION, BEGAN A THREE-DAY STATE VISIT TO ECUADOR AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOE. THE VISIT FOLLOWED TWO MONTHS AFTER AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARGENTINA BY ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE SALVADOR LARA. MASSERA AND HIS PARTY FOLLOWED A FULL SCHEDULE INCLUDING PROTOCOLARY ACTIVITIES, SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (RULING JUNTA) AND A BROAD RANGE OF GOE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS AND A JOINTLY PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE.

2. ADMIRAL MASSERA AND THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT CARRIED THROUGH ON ALL THE PROTOCOLARY OBLIGATIONS OF THE VISIT WITH THE EXPECTED COMMENTS ON SHARED LATIN AMERICAN TRADITIONS AND INTERESTS AND THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE ALREADY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IF THE REPORTING IS TO BE BELIEVED,

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HOWEVER, THERE WERE SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS AS WELL AT A NUMBER OF LEVELS.

3. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE ECUADOREAN/ARGENTINE TRADE AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON PERMITTING THE RESPECTIVE NATIONAL AIRLINES TO INITIATE SERVICE BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS,

ON THE FORMATION OF MIXED (ECUADOREAN/ARGENTINE OWNERSHIP) ENTERPRISES AND ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A SYSTEM OF RECIPROCAL COMMERCIAL CREDITS. ONE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT MENTIONED THAT THE GOE WAS HOPING TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT SYSTEM FOR THE GOE TO PURCHASE ARGENTINE WAR MATERIALS, THROUGH THIS WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. CONTINUING WITH A SUBJECT BEGUN DURING THE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SALVADOR TO ARGENTINA, BOTH NATIONS PLEDGED TO WORK TOWARD THE RATIFICATION ON THE NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN SIGNED APRIL 5 IN BUENOS AIRES. ARGENTINA'S ROLE AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS OF THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

5. IN HIS OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE, ADMIRAL MASSERA DIRECTED HIMSELF TO A BROADER RANGE OF SUBJECTS, SAYING THAT SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA HAS ALMOST BEEN DESTROYED, ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO SET A DATE FOR ITS FINAL INTERMENT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, MASSERA STATED THAT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT RESPECTED THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND EXPECTED OTHER COUNTRIES TO DO LIKEWISE. MASSERA STATED THAT "NIHILISTIC TERRORISM" IS ALSO A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. COMMENT: IF THE PRESS REPORTS AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE CAN BE TAKEN AS INDICATIONS, BOTH COUNTRIES LIKELY REGARD THE MASSERA VISIT AS A SUCCESS. AS WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE ORIGIANL SALVADOR VISIT TO ARGENTINA, THE LONG OFFICIAL VISIT OF MASSERA SERVES NOTICE THAT ECUADOR HAS FRIENDS
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IN THE HEMISPHERE. ALSO, IT SEEMS THAT THE VISIT MIGHT WELL HAVE SERVED THE SIMILAR PURPOSE FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

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